

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A drier installation  $[(1)]$  for drying a web  $[(2)]$ , ~~more particularly paper~~, said installation being provided for drying a maximum web width, said installation comprising: ~~(1) comprises~~

~~gas-heated~~ radiant elements configured to radiate ~~(3) for radiating~~ said web $[(,)]$  arranged in ~~according to~~ at least one row  $[(4)]$  stretching out in a transverse ~~the transversal~~ ~~(5) direction to a~~ ~~over the~~ substantially entire maximum web width, and

~~said installation (1) comprising~~ at least a transversal convective system ~~(7, 36)~~ equipped with suction and blowing devices configured to suck ~~(8) for sucking~~ at least part of  $[(the)]$  combustion products produced by said radiant elements  $[(3)]$  by ~~means of~~ a suction duct  $[(13)]$  and configured to blow ~~for blowing~~ said part of the combustion products towards said web  $[(2)]$  by ~~means of~~ a blowing duct  $[(14)]$ , wherein said suction  $[(13)]$  and blowing  $[(14)]$  ducts stretch ~~stretching~~ out in the transverse ~~transversal~~ ~~(5)~~ direction of said web  $[(2)]$ ,

~~said convective system (7, 36) comprising~~ at least a mixing device ~~(12, 22, 28, 37, 46)~~ installed opposite of the ~~passing~~ web  $[(2)]$  in relation to corresponding suction  $[(13)]$  and blowing  $[(14)]$  ducts, wherein the mixing device is  $[(and)]$  arranged so as to suck and/or blow said combustion products, wherein a  $[(the)]$  vector average of  $[(the)]$  projections ~~(V1, V2, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8)~~ in a plane  $[(P1)]$  perpendicular to said web  $[(2)]$  and stretching out in the transverse ~~transversal~~ ~~(5)~~ direction of said web  $[(2)]$ , has a component  $[(V4)]$  parallel to the web  $[(2)]$  that is smaller than said maximum web width of said web  $[(2)]$ , said vectors representing  $[(the)]$  respective trajectories of  $[(the)]$  different jets of sucked and/or blown combustion products.

2. (Currently Amended) The drier  $[(Drier)]$  installation according to claim 1, wherein said component  $[(V4)]$  parallel to the web ~~(2) that~~ is smaller than approximately half of said maximum web width of the web  $[(2)]$ .

3. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 1, wherein each mixing device (~~12, 22, 28, 37, 46~~) is arranged in such a way that the vector average, wherein the vector average is an average of vectors representing the respective trajectories of different jets of sucked and/or blown combustion products by each of said mixing devices, (V5, V8) of [[the]] projections in a plane [[(P1),]] perpendicular to the web [[(2)]] and stretching out in the transverse transversal (~~5~~) direction of said web (~~2~~), ~~of the vectors representing the respective trajectories of the different jets of sucked and/or blown combustion products by each of said mixing devices,~~ is substantially perpendicular to said web [[(2)]] or substantially null.

4. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 1, wherein each mixing device (~~12, 22, 28, 37, 46~~) and the corresponding blowing duct ducts (~~14~~) are arranged so that the vectors representing the respective trajectories of the different jets of combustion products blown on said web [[(2)]] have, in projection to a plane (~~P2~~), perpendicular to the web [[(2)]] and stretching out according to a [[the]] median longitudinal axis [[(54)]] of said web [[(2)]], a component [[(V9)]] that is not null.

5. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 1, wherein each mixing device (~~12, 22, 28, 37, 46~~) and the corresponding suction and blowing ducts (~~13, 14~~) are arranged so that the vectors representing the respective trajectories of the different jets of sucked and/or blown combustion products are distributed in a substantially symmetrical way in relation to a [[the]] plane [[(P2),]] perpendicular to said web [[(2)]] and stretching out according to a [[the]] median longitudinal axis [[(54)]] of said web [[(2)]].

6. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 1, wherein said convective system (~~7, 36~~) includes at least one suction duct [[(13)]] that stretches out at least in the transverse transversal direction [[(5)]] of the web [[(2)]], and at least one blowing duct [[(14)]] that stretches out at least in the transverse transversal (~~5~~) direction of the web, wherein [[(2);]] the [[said]] suction duct [[(13)]] and the [[said]] blowing duct [[(14)]] are separated from one another by a common wall [[(15)]].

7. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 6, wherein said common wall [(15)] is equipped with [[a]] devices configured to advance ~~(16) for advancing the~~ thermal exchanges between the sucked combustion products and the blown combustion products.

8. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 1, wherein said transversal convective system ~~(7, 36)~~ has a first exterior casing [(17)] for suction of said combustion products,

wherein said first exterior casing has ~~(17) having~~ in a longitudinal cross-section according to a [[the]] plane ~~(P2)~~ perpendicular to said web [(2)] and stretching out according to a [[the]] median longitudinal axis [(54)] of said web [(2)], a substantially U-shaped cross-section with an opening towards the web [(2)], wherein said U-shaped first exterior casing [(17)] substantially stretches out in the transverse ~~transversal~~ direction [(5)] of the web (2); and inside the first external casing ~~(17)~~,

wherein said transversal convective system has a second internal casing inside the first external casing [(18)] for blowing said combustion products, wherein said second internal casing has ~~having~~ a wall with a substantially U-shaped longitudinal cross-section with an opening towards the web [(2)], wherein said second internal casing stretches ~~and stretching~~ out in the transverse direction of the web inside said first external casing [(17)].

9. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 8, wherein the U-shaped wall [(20)] of the second internal casing [(18)] has several first openings [(21)], [[and]] wherein a device ~~an organ~~ ~~(22)~~ to blow air under pressure is arranged substantially in an [[the]] axis of each first opening [(21)] so as to create a venturi effect, so as to suck at least a part of the combustion products and to blow them towards the web [(2)].

10. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 9 [[8]], wherein the U-shaped wall [(20)] of the second internal casing [(18)] has several second openings [(27)] stretching out in the transverse ~~transversal~~ ~~(5)~~ direction of the web [(2)], [[and]]

wherein a cylindrical rotor [(28)] with radial blades [(30)] rotating around an axis [(31)] parallel to the web [(2)], said axis being substantially perpendicular to a [[the]]

passing [(6)] direction of the web [(2)], is installed on an ~~at the~~ interior side of the first external casing [(17)] in front of each of the second openings [(27)].

11. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 9, wherein the first or second openings (21, 27) are made in a the tube formed by a (20a) ~~of the wall of the transversal convective system that is~~ [(20)] substantially parallel to the passing web [(2)].

12. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 1, wherein said convective system [(36)] at least has one turbine, an axis [(37)] of which ~~the axis (38)~~ is substantially perpendicular to the web [(2)].

13. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 12, wherein each turbine [(37)] has a centrifugal turbine wheel [(39)] of which a ~~the~~ suction opening [(40)] is connected to an upstream transversal suction duct [(13)] in relation to the web, wherein (2); ~~the~~ sucked combustion products are blown through two tangential outlet openings [(41)] substantially directly opposite in the transverse ~~transversal~~ direction [(5)] of the web and connected to the transverse ~~a transversal~~ blowing duct [(14)] adjacent to the suction duct [(13)].

14. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 12, wherein said convective system [(36)] has at least two turbines [(37)] arranged in ~~according to~~ a row stretching out in the transverse ~~transversal~~ (5) direction of the web [(2)], wherein ~~in which~~ each turbine cooperates with a corresponding suction [(13)] and blowing duct [(14)], stretching out transversally along a respective part of the width of the web [(2)].

15. (Currently Amended) The drier [[Drier]] installation according to claim 1, wherein said installation comprises at least two transversal convective systems [(7, 36)] arranged one after the other in a ~~the~~ passing [(6)] direction of the web [(2)] and separated one from the other by at least one transversal row [(4)] of the gas-heated ~~the gas-heated~~ radiant elements [(3)].

16. (New) The drier installation according to claim 1, wherein the web is paper.

17. (New) The drier installation according to claim 1, wherein the radiant elements are gas-heated.